ALPR Findings Brief — Spokane County / Washington State
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Executive Summary
Spokane County Sheriff's Office entered a five-year, $806,200 sole-source contract with Flock Group, Inc. for 46 Falcon ALPR cameras. The project began in December 2023, funded through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Data retention is set at 30 days, but internal emails reveal uncertainty over federal and state record-keeping requirements (five vs. six years). The contract grants Flock broad data-sharing rights, including third-party disclosure under "good faith" conditions, raising potential conflicts with RCW 42.56 (Public Records Act) and Article I §7 (Washington Constitution).

Key Issues Identified
• Data Sharing: Flock can share data with third parties without local oversight.
• Retention Ambiguity: 30-day policy conflicts with statutory record obligations.
• Vendor Data Rights: Flock retains perpetual use of anonymized data for AI purposes.
• Sole-Source Procurement: Justified by integration claims, potentially noncompliant with ARP rules.
• Transparency: No public notice or policy posting found for ALPR network.

Recommendations
1. Mandate quarterly audits of data access and retention logs.
2. Publish ALPR policy and camera map online.
3. Request County Auditor review of ARP procurement compliance.
4. Revise MSA to restrict "good faith" disclosure clauses.
5. Limit vendor use of anonymized vehicle data.
6. Establish independent oversight body for surveillance technologies.

This summary reflects findings derived from 19 official records obtained under RCW 42.56 (Public Records Act). For full citations and appendices, refer to the extended brief.